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to save the man and their fellows. It is a record of endurance, courage and resourcefulness in the face of gravest peril and it shows the qualities that have enabled Dr. Grenfell to accomplish the work he has done.

Die Polarvölker. Von Dr. A. Byhan. 148 pp., 16 Plates, 2 Maps and Index. Quelle & Meyer, Leipzig, 1909. M. 1.25.

This little book, by one of the leading members of the staff of the Hamburg Ethnological Museum, will be counted among the useful works on the Arctic regions. Its topic is the material and intellectual life of the inhabitants of the high north. The space limits require concise treatment, but the prevalent and characteristic aspects of the tribes are clearly and methodically sketched. The lands they inhabit are briefly described and then the author treats of the various groups of peoples and their distribution, their clothing and ornaments, their habitations, industries, weapons, trade, means of communications, social organization, laws, customs, religion, games, arts, symbols or writings, and literature. The plates vividly reproduce many of the phases of life and occupation among the tribes; and the two maps show their distribution, the southern boundary of reindeer, etc.

The Canadian War of 1812. By C. P. Lucas. 269 pp., 8 Maps, and Index. The Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1906. 12s. 6d. [A careful compilation of the chapter in Canadian history dealing with the war of 1812 and derived, as far as possible, simply from the official despatches, on both sides, relating to the war. The maps are facsimiles of those which were used in this contest between the United States and Great Britain.]

Nel Darien e nell'Ecuador. Diario di Viaggio di un Naturalista. Dr. E. Festa. xvi and 397 pp., Maps, and Illustrations. Unione Tip.—Editrice Torinese, Turin, L.10. [A noteworthy book by a naturalist whose travels led him among the settlements of the south coast of Darien, the eastern province of Panama, and also into the heart of the Ecuadorian lowland, up the valley of the Rio Grande, and along the high plateau on which Quito stands. The author's observations on the flora, fauna, people and conditions of human life are of value. In conclusion, he gives a list of his zoological collections.]

Notes sur la Médecine et la Botanique des anciens Mexicains. Par A. Gerste, S.J. 161 pp., Appendix. Imprimerie Polyglotte vaticane, Rome, 1909. [The cost of publishing this careful compilation of all that is known of the medical régime and the botanical attainments of the ancient Mexicans, was borne by the Duc. de Loubat.]

Handbook of British Guiana 1909. Comprising General and Statistical Information concerning the Colony. Edited and Compiled by Geo. D. Bayley. xxv and 697 pp., Map, and Illustrations. Dulau & Co., London; J. H. Stark, Boston, 1909. 5s. [A handsome volume with many photo-engravings and a good map; the first work of the kind issued by British Guiana. It gives a good idea of the geography, population, mineral, agricultural and other resources, commerce, industries and other aspects of the colony.]

Chile. A Handbook Compiled by the International Bureau of American Republics. 235 pp., Map, Illustrations, and Index. Washington, 1909. [A well printed and handsomely illustrated handbook with a very good map of Chile made by Stanford, London. The work will be useful because it is a good com-

pendium of many kinds of facts relating to Chile. It is one of the best hand-books that the International Bureau has yet published.]

India. Romance of History. By Victor Surridge. xii and 308 pp., Map, 12 Illustrations from Original Drawings in Color, and Index. Frederick A. Stokes Company, New York, \$2.00. [A book for popular reading in which the author attempts nothing more than to tell entertainingly the story of the more romantic events and picturesque incidents that marked the gradual evolution of India to its present position.]

Indian Pictures and Problems. Ian Malcolm. xiv and 294 pp., and 50 Illustrations. E. P. Dutton & Co., New York, 1907. Price, \$3.00. [A book of travel, finely and copiously illustrated, descriptive of the India of to-day, with discussions on India problems, such as frontier questions, famine administration, etc.]

A Study of Nieve Penitente in the Himalaya. Paper No. 2. By William Hunter Workman. 27 pp., and Illustrations. Spottiswoode & Co., London, 1909. [Reprinted from the *Zeitschrift für Gletscherkunde*, May, 1909, with some additions. Describes the eight varieties of nieve penitente which Dr. Workman observed in the Nun Kun, Hispar, Biafo and Skoro regions. The fine photo-engravings help the description of these ice forms.]

Osservazioni preliminari sul Terremoto Calabro Messinese del mattino del 28 dicembre, 1908. G. Martinelli. 11 pp., and Map. Tip. S. Giuseppe degli Artigianelli, Turin, 1909. [This paper by Dr. Martinelli of the Osservatorio Geodinamico, Rome, records the phenomena observed at a large number of places within the seismic area, with much attention to the movements of the sea and the destruction caused by earthquake waves.]

Fenomeni sismici calabro-siculi precedenti il terremoto del 28 dicembre 1908. G. Martinelli. 24 pp., and Sketch Maps. Società Tipografica Modenese, Modena, 1909. [Gives instrumental records and discussion of the earth movements in the Calabria-Sicily area for several weeks preceding the earthquake of Dec. 28, 1908.]

An Explanation of the Adjustment of Ships' Compasses. By Commander L. W. P. Chetwynd. Second Edition. 24 pp., and Illustrations. J. D. Potter, London, 1909, 2s. [Deals concisely and without employing mathematical formulae, with the various causes of the deviation of the compass and the methods of overcoming them.]

Lehrbuch der Paläozoologie. Von Prof. Dr. Ernest Freiherr Stromer v. Reichenbach. I. Teil: Wirbellose Tiere. x and 342 pp., 398 Illustrations, Diagrams, and Index. B. G. Teubner, Leipzig and Berlin, 1909. M. 10. [An introduction to palæozoology considered almost wholly apart from the geological relations of the fossils described. Dr. Stromer treats as clearly as possible, of the best-known results of zoological research, especially as relates to the classification, anatomy, life and distribution in time and space of the seven groups of animal organisms, from Protozoa to the Crustacea and other Arthropoda considered in this work. The descriptions are clear, the illustrations are excellent and each section closes with a bibliography.]

Erdkunde für Schulen. Von Alfred Kirchhoff. II Teil: Mittel und Oberstufe. Fifteenth Revised edition. viii and 411 pp., Illustrations, and Index. Verlag der Buchhandlung des Weisenhauses, Halle a. d. S., 1909. M. 3.40. [The latest revision of one of the best German text books of Geography.]